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SUBJECT: RUSSIA RESPONSE: NO KNOWLEDGE OF RIO-PLUS-20 CONFERENCE
PROPOSAL

REF: STATE 116436

Per reftel, Post informed Aleksandr Pankin, Deputy Director of the MFA's Department for International Organizations, of Brazil and South Korea's expressed intentions to host a "Rio 20" sustainable development summit. Pankin said he knew nothing of such a proposal and could not comment on it. Likewise, Vladimir Zakharov, director of the nongovernmental organization Center for Russian Environmental Policy and Chairman of the Commission on Environmental Policy of the Public Chamber under the President of the Russian Federation, said he had heard nothing about the proposal. However, Zakharov said he would ask his contacts in the presidential administration at his next opportunity.

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